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Application Number	09/532,576
Filing Date	March 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Peter W. Hamilton
Group Art Unit	1772
Examiner Name	A. A. Chevalier
Attorney Docket Number	7995
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ [X] Previously submitted
- i. ☒ [X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 previously filed on August 5, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ [] Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ [] Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ [] Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ [] Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- ☒ [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **16-2480**.
- i. ☒ [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ [] Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ [] Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME (Print/Type)	Peter D. Meyer	Reg. No. (Attorney/Agent) 47,792
SIGNATURE		DATE September 2, 2003

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1002 330	Design filing fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
1004 750	Reissue filing fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
1005 160	Provisional filing fee	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Total Claims <input type="checkbox"/> - 20** =	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/>	= <input type="checkbox"/>

Independent Claims ☐ - 3** = ☐ x ☐ = ☐Multiple Dependent ☐ = ☐

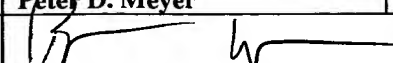
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1202 18	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent

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1052	50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>
1053	130	Non-English specification	<input type="checkbox"/>
1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	<input type="checkbox"/>
1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	<input type="checkbox"/>
1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	<input type="checkbox"/>
1251	110	Extension for reply within 1 st month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1252	410	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1253	930	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1254	1,450	Extension for reply within 4 th month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1255	1,970	Extension for reply within 5 th month	<input type="checkbox"/>
1401	320	Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>
1402	320	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>
1403	280	Request for oral hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/>
1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	<input type="checkbox"/>
1453	1,300	Petition to revive - unintentional	<input type="checkbox"/>
1501	1,300	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	<input type="checkbox"/>
1502	470	Design issue fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>
1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications (37 C.F.R. 1.17(q))	<input type="checkbox"/>
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
1809	750	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	<input type="checkbox"/>
1810	750	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	<input type="checkbox"/>
1801	750	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	<input type="checkbox"/>
1454	1300	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, or 365 (a) or (c)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other fee (specify) _____			<input type="checkbox"/>
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